



THIS woman has a big truck farm in Sussex, and now has to do her own plowing, since the drain upon the manhood of rural England has been so great. The few men who are left are mostly employed in the ammunition factories. Last April, also, the British Cabinet offered employment to women in the various branches of the British Government service in all positions held by men of military age.



THE suffering in Poland probably exceeds any in the war districts. For two weeks at one time Lodz was without any bread at all, and has been without meat for months. Most of the city people worked in mills owned by French or German capitalists, under local management; and these managers paid them two and one half to three cents a day. Things are better in the country, for last year's potato crop was unusually large—enough to keep the country girls busy.



AMONG the other occupations that have fallen to women in these days, "manning" a fishing fleet is one of the strangest; but it doesn't phase these Welsh women. In fact, the war has proved that women can do anything if they have to; apparently they could run the world, if necessary, without any help from men. In London one woman has taken charge of a motor garage, and there are plenty of women motor mechanics, veterinary surgeons, and bank-clerks.



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BEFORE the war this beautiful Austrian valley, the Valle Ampezzo, was one of the favorite summer resorts of the Italian diplomats; for a few days it was the center of the Italian warfare. The Austrian peasant is naturally a free, peace-loving individual, without the slightest animosity toward the Allies. He goes about this "business of killing" as a disagreeable but temporary incident, and yearns to be done with it all, and at home.

THE wives of Berlin street-car conductors always have first chance at their husbands' jobs when the men have gone to the war. The burgomaster of the city said that Germany could never accomplish anything without the assistance of its women. Officials in Germany—and elsewhere—have not always shown so chivalrous a regard for the other sex. The war has, at least, brought home to the warring nations a new sense of the value and importance of their mothers and wives.



Could Women Without

Apparently no work is too strange or hard